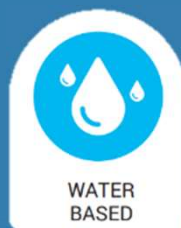
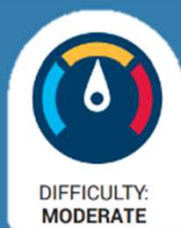


# Rainbow river

## Extension for my community



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In the Dreamtime, the Australian landscape was flat. There were no trees or bushes, hills or mountains until Goorialla, the great rainbow serpent, went looking for his people. As he searched for them, he travelled across Australia, from the south to the north. His tracks made all the rivers and the creeks and the lakes and the waterholes throughout the land.

### Equipment

- ☐ "The Rainbow Serpent" by Dick Roughsey
- ☐ Whiteboard/paper and Markers or a stick to create 'rivers and creeks' in the ground
- ☐ ACHRIS traditional owners map

### Instructions

- 1) The Rainbow Serpent: Watch the video or read the book of 'The Rainbow Serpent'. Discuss with the participants the relevance the story has to inland waterways?
- 2) Using the pictures from the book, have participants create their own rainbow serpent creating rivers & lakes
- 3) Visit ACHRIS map and find who the traditional owners are of your program location. Complete an acknowledgment of country with your participants:



ACHRIS map



Water safety watch and  
learn: Rainbow River

### Life Saving Victoria's Acknowledgment of Country

Life Saving Victoria respectfully acknowledges the of the land and waterways in which we swim, explore, play, meet and live. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and celebrate the stories, culture and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of all communities who also work and live on these lands.

